

Rep. Slaughter Announces \$2,550,615 for Greater Rochester International Airport

Rochester, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today announced that the Greater Rochester International Airport has been awarded a \$2,550,615 grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation to rehabilitate the runway.

"I am pleased to announce this federal funding to repair the runway at our airport," said Congresswoman Slaughter. **"This money will help ensure the safety of everyone travelling in and out of Rochester by air."**

The grant is federal funding to rehabilitate Runway 10-28 and for other related safety improvements at Rochester International.

BACKGROUND

Congresswoman Slaughter has a long history of fighting to ensure that the Greater Rochester International Airport remains safe and competitive.

Over twenty years ago, Congresswoman Slaughter succeeded in getting the Rochester Airport added to the Federal Aviation Administration's airport list, on which inclusion is critical to ensure that airline carriers - not local taxpayers - fund airport expansion projects. Without a place on that list, the local government would have had to fund the millions of dollars in needed upgrades

and we may not have the improvements we have today.

In 2005, Congresswoman Slaughter helped to secure a \$17 million Department of Transportation grant to add a buffer safety zone to the end of the airport's runway. In 2006, she helped to secure another \$1 million Department of Transportation grant for additional safety improvements to the Airport's north ramp.

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